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MRS. FRANK LESLIE. —
Her Forthcoming Marriage with the

Marquis de Leville.

Frank Leslie, the charming, young widower of the great publisher whose name she bears, and whose property she controls, was visited the other day by a reporter at her office in Park place with a view to learning what arrangements she is making for the forthcoming marriage with the Marquis de Leville. It was rumored that the engagement was publicly announced some months ago. When the reporter entered Mrs. Leslie was sitting at her desk, which was piled up with papers, letters, proofs, and general mercantile business. She was dressed in a tasteful costume of black silk, gems representing respectable fortunes, elis-

"I can not tell just upon what date our marriage is to take place," she said. "I must bide my time until the condition of my business here assumes such shape as to permit the changes which would naturally follow such a step."

"Do you propose, then, to make any alterations in the general government or policy of your house?" asked the scribe.

"None whatever, so far as the system and conduct of affairs are concerned; but you know that in my new life I shall be compelled—not involuntarily,

"Will the Marquis de Leuville assume any part in the control of your business?"

"He will not. He is not a business man, and would probably make a bad mess of mercantile affairs. He is an artist and a poet. He is the author of works in three different languages—French, English, and Italian—and these he speaks so perfectly that you could not discover his nationality from his accent. He is, besides, a fine painter, and has sent several of his sketches

"Are you contemplating an elaborate wedding reception?" the reporter asked.

"No, I presume we shall probably have a little church wedding."

Mrs. Leslie handed the reporter a letter, which she had received from Mgr. Capel, conveying his hearty good wishes for her future, and congratulating her upon her good fortune in securing a husband who was a great capitalist and the Marquis de Lenville were intimate friends in Paris, and it was there that Mrs. Leslie met the eminent divine last year, through the introduction of

"I have made none," she replied. "I shall probably take a house in this city and continue in control of my business. In the fall I shall go on a trip of combined business and pleasure to California, to visit my friends and acquaintances of my artists, and will of course be accompanied by the marquis. In December I go to New Orleans. During my travels I intend to make notes of what I see and hear, which I shall write out for the benefit of my countrymen."

The reporter took occasion to inquire of Mrs. Leslie whether she knew anything of the conversion of Mrs. Hamersley, the publication of which created

ated so much excitement in society circles a week ago. She said that she was acquainted with the Hammerley but knew of none of the details of the conversion. Referring to her congratulatory letter from Mgr. Capel, she said, laughing: "Just suppose this kind letter was the initiatory step in a movement on his part to convert me. Wouldn't it be funny?"

A Magnificent Mast.

A magnificent mast has been sent from Verona to the agricultural department of the Turin exhibition. The tree grew in the woods of Cadore, and five other majestic pines had to be hewn down before the one destined for

this must be removed. When the final cut was made, the fine tree-trunk was divided into two pieces, the bottom part measuring more than 120 feet, and the top part, still adorned with its green branches, 18 feet. The weight of the tree, after being thus prepared, was 41 cwt. On examination it was found that the tree was 205 years old, while the summit was only 83 years old. The mast was dragged from the forest to the station on two wagons, drawn by eight horses, and the whole of it took up more than 100 days. For several days were employed in the transport by the special train could only travel by daylight, proceeding very slowly on account of the curves, and had to stop

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continually, not being able to pass another train. The mast is slender in comparison to the hull, being 65 centimeters at the base and 15 at the summit. The stem preserves an equal width up to the height of about 90 feet, after which it diminishes rapidly. Inexpensive of transport, the model will cost about £50.—*Naples Chron. London Daily News.*

This was about 1 o'clock in the afternoon. At 3 o'clock, imagine the surprise of the clerk when he found the infant calmly sleeping in a snug corner behind a door. He went to the room and began crying. Thinking that she might be hungry, the clerk was sent out with her to a restaurant, where her little ladyship's good humor was restored by a dainty repast. As they were on their return to the store the clerk was told that a lady had tripped up with, with "Where have you been with my child?" she seized the neglected infant and hurried away.—*Hartford Sunday Times.*

A new steel is said to have been produced at Sheffield, England, which is expected to be of incalculable value to the manufacturing and railroad world. It is said to be made "by adding from 7 to 20 per cent. of the ordinary ferro-manganese of commerce to iron either in the molten or solid state, and is rolled and refined and treated by any of the ordinary processes, or to steel produced by such processes." It is stated that a small test bar containing 12 per cent. of manganese was bent double when cold, and that it was possible to turn it over more than an axle containing the same percentage, and which had never been hardened or tempered, cut into a bar of iron half an inch square. A cor-

respondent of the *American Manufacturer*, giving these facts, says that the steel is capable of being hammered or rolled the same as ordinary steel, and showed no magnetic qualities. If these accounts are in any measure correct, the discovery is likely to prove of great economic importance.